



## TARGETING TERRORISM 602-223-2680

AZ DPS is committed to working with federal, state, and local law enforcement to prevent the threat of terrorism in the state. You also can play a vital role in our efforts to keep the state safe.

The **Arizona Counter-Terrorism Information Center** operates an around-the clock "tip line" (602-223-2680) for people to call with information about suspicious persons or circumstances that may be related to terrorism. All information is taken seriously and will be investigated.

Do not ignore your feelings of uneasiness about a person or circumstances you may encounter. If you observe someone or something unusual or suspicious, take the time to contact police as soon as possible and have the situation checked out.

Some characteristics to consider are:

- Persons asking unusual questions about building security or law enforcement in the area;
- Persons taking still pictures or video, sometimes discreetly, of buildings, bridges, or other locations from unusual positions, such as from under the bridge;
- Persons asking detailed questions about the schedules of public transportation in the area that goes beyond what is readily available on published schedules;
- Persons seen timing the arrival/departure of public transportation;
- Persons seen loitering around or photographing non-public areas around reservoirs, water treatment plants, dams, or power plants;
- Persons in groups of two or three watching a building for extended periods of time;
- Persons disguised as panhandlers, street vendors or sweepers not previously seen in the area;
- Suspicious vehicles abandoned or parked in unusual places at unusual times. Try to get a license plate number and state of issuance if you can do it safely.

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**IF YOU ENCOUNTER AN  
EMERGENCY OR LIFE-THREATENING  
SITUATION CALL 9 - 1 - 1 IMMEDIATELY.**

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**IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT A  
SUSPICIOUS PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE  
THAT MAY BE RELATED TO TERRORISM  
CALL: 602-223-2680  
1-877-2 SAVE AZ  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

*YOUR IDENTITY CAN BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL*

DPS 801-04244 (8-2006)

## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR YOU



## Arizona Department of Public Safety

*"Courteous Vigilance"*



**Janet Napolitano**  
GOVERNOR

**Roger Vanderpool**  
DIRECTOR

A message from the . . .

## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

The Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) is a full-service law enforcement agency committed to serving and protecting the citizens of our state and those who visit or travel through it. The pride, tradition and reputation our Department enjoys is built on decades of dedication to duty by sworn and civilian employees.

Our mission is to enforce state laws, deter criminal activity, assure highway and public safety, and provide vital scientific, technical, and operational support to other criminal justice agencies in furtherance of the protection of human life and property. We are fulfilling our mission through the effective deployment of our personnel directed at traffic enforcement, crime suppression and homeland defense. DPS is comprised of four divisions - Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Agency Support and Criminal Justice Support.

DPS officers are dedicated to reducing crime, keeping our highways safe and preventing acts of terrorism. They are law enforcement professionals and are expected to adhere to the laws of the United States, Arizona and the regulations of DPS. Our officers are committed to upholding the civil and constitutional rights of each person they encounter.

Racially biased policing has no place in DPS. We have a clear policy against this practice. We have implemented continual training and supervision of all officers to remind them of the importance of this issue and assure our citizens of our commitment to treat all people with integrity, equality and fairness.

A police officer has the most dangerous, most complicated job in America. This brochure is intended to provide information on how you can help us as we do our job. It also provides you with an easy way to express your commendation for or concern about an officer you have encountered. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of service to you.

For state/local police emergencies  
dial 9 - 1 - 1.

## ARIZONA'S CHILD AMBER ALERT

If police confirm a child abduction in Arizona, believe the child is in serious danger and there is descriptive information about a suspect and/or vehicle, the AMBER Alert will be activated. Lookouts will be broadcast on radio and television. Highway message signs will read "*Child Amber Alert*" and give a description of the suspect vehicle. If you see that vehicle, please dial 9 - 1 - 1.

## PROFESSIONAL TRAFFIC STOPS

Being stopped for a traffic violation can be a stressful time for you and the police officer. DPS officers are trained to maintain professionalism and courtesy during the traffic stop.

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM US DURING A TRAFFIC VIOLATION STOP

- A greeting with the name of the officer and reason why you were stopped;
- A uniformed officer or the presentation of a badge and identification card if not wearing a uniform;
- A polite, respectful tone from the officer;
- Answers to reasonable questions;
- Prompt action in completing the citation/warning, wanted persons and driver license checks;
- An explanation of the citation/warning, with an explanation that signing the citation is required, but is not an admission of guilt;
- Probable cause that a crime is being committed permits the officer to search you and/or your vehicle without your consent;  
An officer is permitted to ask for consent to search.
- If consent is requested, you will generally be asked to indicate your response in writing on a form provided by the officer. You have the right to refuse a request for consent to search your vehicle.

## WHAT WE ASK OF YOU DURING A TRAFFIC STOP

Traffic stops are never "routine." More than half of the police officers who die in the line of duty each year are killed during traffic stops. Each day officers encounter impaired drivers, illegal firearms, drugs, fugitives, and drivers with suspended licenses. This is why officers are trained to place a great deal of emphasis on their own safety and take a defensive posture at the stop until the risk of confrontation or injury is diminished.

- Carry proper identification: a valid driver's license, proof of vehicle registration and insurance;
- When signaled by the officer to stop, look for the nearest, safest place to position your vehicle as far out of the traffic lane as possible;
- Remain calm. Ask passengers to remain quiet and cooperative. Generally speaking, the officer's business will be with the driver and does not involve passengers;
- Keep your seatbelt fastened until the officer has seen you are wearing it;
- Keep your hands in view, preferably on the steering wheel and do not duck down, reach or make sudden movements;
- Turn off your engine, radio and roll down the window so the officer can speak with you;
- Don't be surprised if another patrol car appears. This is done to assure the officer's safety. Treat the officer the way you would want to be treated and the officer will respond accordingly;
- For your own safety, remain in your vehicle. If you are asked to exit, do it slowly, keep your hands in view and follow the officer's directions.



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## COMMENDATION/COMPLAINT FORM

Please provide the following information if you wish to commend or express your concerns about the actions of an AZ DPS officer.

Or call 6 0 2 - 2 2 3 - 2 2 1 2 - In/Outside Arizona ( 1 - 8 0 0 - 3 5 2 - 4 5 5 7 - TDD)

Arizona Attorney General's Civil Rights Division 6 0 2 - 5 4 2 - 5 2 6 3

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE / TIME / LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER'S NAME & I.D.: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE ENCOUNTER: \_\_\_\_\_

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